

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - AUGUST 11, 2020
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA

Chairman Major called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Attending were: Supervisors Blaine Madara Sr., Vincent Daubert, Stephen Major, Daniel Williams and Blaine Madara Jr. Also attending were: Township Manager Joseph Springer, Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Police Chief Stu Appel; Township Engineer Brad Aurand; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin News-Item*; 3 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Cindy Woodruff, 133 W Center, questioned how the CDBG stream project would affect her property, she was told the project will have no affect her property.

Code Enforcement Hearing “Notice of Nuisance” for Scott and Virginia Hornberger property at 2177 Reading Turnpike Road, was held. Major/Williams motioned to uphold all the code enforcement action with the exception of extending the deadline until September 1, 2020 to come into compliance with notice of nuisance mailed July 22, 2020. Motion carried. Mr. Hornberger left the meeting during the discussion and Mrs. Hornberger assured the board that they will start clean-up and she will contact Mr. Lyash when they are ready for him to review the site.

Minutes of July 14, 2020 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Williams/Madara Jr. motion and carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT was accepted as presented on Daubert/Madara Sr. motion and carried.

Bills were approved as presented for payment, including those bills paid between meetings on a Daubert/Madara Jr. motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Annual Notification Shamokin Bulk Plant for Superior Energy Services Inc. was received. Secretary will share with both fire companies.
- Northumberland County Soil Conservation letter GP Notification Industrial Park Road Watermain Replacement Notice was received.
- DEP Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit Issuance Shamokin Valley Railroad Steam and Bridge Rehabilitation Notice was received.
- Northumberland County COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant Funds information was received. Supervisor Madara Jr. asked if this could benefit the two fire companies in any way. Secretary was asked to send the information to the chiefs of both companies.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Mark Lyash

- Madara Jr./Madara Sr. motioned to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Toy Factory Land Development contingent upon: * Developer’s Agreement including financial security of \$73,000 (subject to Engineer’s review of value) * Zoning permit with all work shown on plan, and * Satisfactory road pipe installation. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Williams motioned to adopt Resolution 2020-06 Sewage Module for Brian Mann Subdivision. Motion carried.

- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to give a 90-day extension for Thomas/Williams Subdivision. Motion carried.
- Madara Jr./Williams motioned to give an extension to the Heath Subdivision until December 31, 2020. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Williams

- Report was received.
- Truck incident on Richard's Road was discussed. Secretary has filed a claim with insurance of driver who caused the damage.
- Industrial Park Road update for Aqua new water main installation was discussed. Pipe is on site and waiting for Aqua's contractor to finish their part of the project prior to our pipe replacement.
- Tar and Chip will take place last week of August, tentatively.
- Crack sealing will take place 2nd week of September.

BUILDINGS – Madara Jr.

- Discussion took place as to when the Municipal building will be opened back up to foot traffic. It was decided that the building will not be opened until further discussion at the September 8th meeting.
- Municipal shed and playground camera systems were discussed. This will be discussed further at budget time.

RECREATION – Major

- Basketball and tennis courts were repaired with crack seal this week and it seems that this will be a temporary fix that will work.
- Chief was asked to have the officers make rounds through the playground in the evenings because of recent negative activity.
- Madara Sr./Major rescinded their motion from June meeting to have Pave It Inc. repair the cracks on the basketball and tennis courts. Motion rescinded. Secretary and Chairman Major will write and send letter.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Madara Sr.

- 25 permits were issued and \$6,971.46 in fees were collected during July. \$75 in other monies were collected. 30 letters of correspondence were sent, 16 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures; 1 burn permit was issued.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert

- Report was read.
- Purchasing a new cruiser to replace the one totaled by the insurance company from accident on July 26th with Officer Wonsock was discussed. Insurance company has informed Chief and the Secretary that it is a total loss. Secretary spoke with Total Loss Department today and they hope to have amount of reimbursement by Friday.
- Daubert/Madara Jr. motioned to purchase 2020 F-150 Police Responder 4x4, with roll in lock aluminum locking bed cover for total of \$37,195 from Whitmoyer Ford, Inc. in Mt. Joy, PA. Motion Carried.

RECYCLING – Madara Sr.

- Thanks to Mark Lyash and Andy Mills for covering while Charles was away on vacation.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Manager gave a report on income to date.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT



none

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.
- Green Light Go Grant project has begun and will start with pole bases shortly. PennDot requires inspection by the Township. Larson can do those inspections if the board would so choose. Engineer thinks it will be anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for inspections. Engineer will bring a quote to the next meeting. It was mentioned at the kick off meeting for the project that the old equipment can be sold. Supervisors would like to sell it on Municibid.
- Center Street Flood Mitigation CDBG project is out for bid and should be able to awarded at September meeting.
- Danson Subdivision was reviewed tonight. Can possibly move forward with Deed of Dedication.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- none

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:43 p.m. on Williams/Madara Sr. motion and carried.

Executive session was held for possible litigation and personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary